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To : SAINT, London (BB090)

From : SAINT, Rome (BB008)

Subject : Interrogation of Hildgarde BEKIZ *ced kn*

Refer our cable 045 (4) of 2 August and your XX 8144 of 16 July, XX 8353 of 24 July 1945 and attachments.

1. The following are persons who engaged in espionage on behalf of Amt VI in ROME during the period of Subject's tenure in the Italian capital.

2. We would much appreciate onward transmissions of the names to those directly responsible for possible use in Subject's interrogation.

3. It should be emphasized that Subject's information will not only be useful as leads, but will also make possible closer interrogation of various Amt VI personalities now held here.

4. Personalities engaged in espionage on behalf of Amt VI RSHA, Rome, 1942-1943:

(a) LOOSS Stauf, Helmut, Amt VI RSHA, Attached to KAPFLER as cover in 1942. Had BEKIZ as secretary. Allegedly sent LECHNER to Amt VI Berlin for training in mid 1943. LOOSS was withdrawn in mid-1943 and was eventually succeeded as Amt VI representative by Stauf. Karl HASS.

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(b) Agents of LOOSS (Rome, 1942-1943):

1. *d* MESSERSCHMIDT. Cover: "Free India" liaison. Originated the "Georgian Cloister" pin plan.
2. *d* Von der SCHULENBURG. Cover: translator and editor of the magazine "Italien" for the Societa Italo-Tedesca.
3. *d* HEYMANN. Cover: journalist of the "Muenchener Neueste Nachrichten", "Johannsen Dienst" (Hamburg).
4. WOIKE Dr. Klaus. Cover: member of International Law Commission. Before September 1943 reported directly to BERLIN.

d (c) GROEHL Willy. Stationed in Abbazia. Worked with SCHWEND @ Wendig. Killed by Istrian partisans. Had responsibility for building up pin net-work in Southern Italy.

d (d) BIRSACK. Cover: book publisher. In Rome 1942-1943. Worked against South America. Dispatched six or seven agents through Rome by air.

d (e) MACKENRODT Kapt. In contact with GROEHL for the Southern Italy pin project. A merchant navy officer and Amt VI representative who traveled between TRIESTE, DENMARK and BERLIN.

d (f) SCHWEND @ Wendig. Engaged in foreign currency and arms traffic for Amt VI.

d (g) PITNER Baron. Austrian. Officer W.W.I. Had worked for SIM in Croatia, France and Germany. Worked for KAPPLER from March 1943. Introduced KAPPLER to LUCCI and was used by KAPPLER as a visiting card. Was an interpreter at HAGUE Sabotage School. Swindled AKO Rome out in foreign currency deal. Was dismissed in February-March 1944.

d (h) LECHNER Otto. In Rome from 1940. Sent by LOOSS to Amt VI Berlin for training; returned at end of 1943, was

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intended for a pin mission with KALLMEYER in Southern Italy. *cd-*
Was placed in the Cassino Abbey as an Austrian emigre, but
withdrawn after the evacuation of the Abbey. Finally served
as espionage instructor at Abt VI, Verona. (Now in custody
and under interrogation by this Unit.)

c (i) ENGELFRIED. German. Librarian at the
Oriental Institute in the Vatican. Returned to Germany in
March 1944.

dxj (j) KUBEN-STEINHAUSER. German. Female.
Vatican research worker.

d (k) NOELS. Dutchman working for Abt IV in
Rome.

d (l) Baroness MANFREDI. In contact with Amt
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